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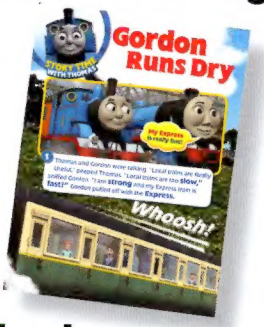

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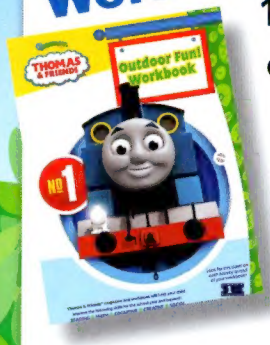

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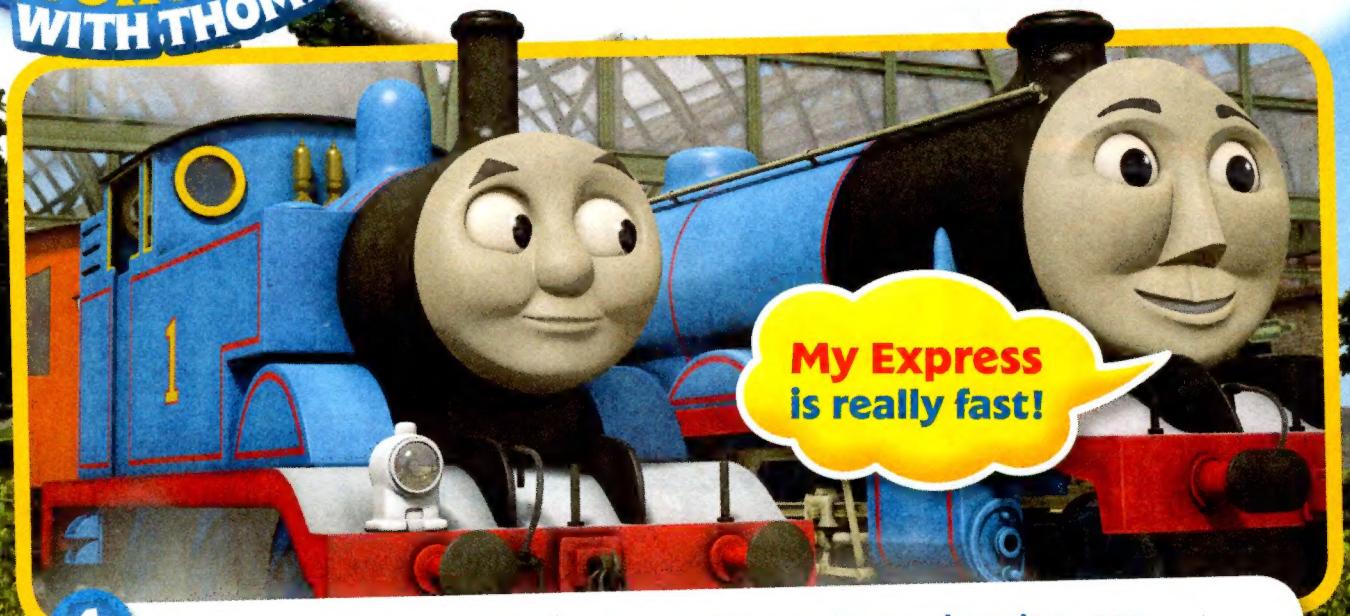
STORY TIME WITH THOMAS

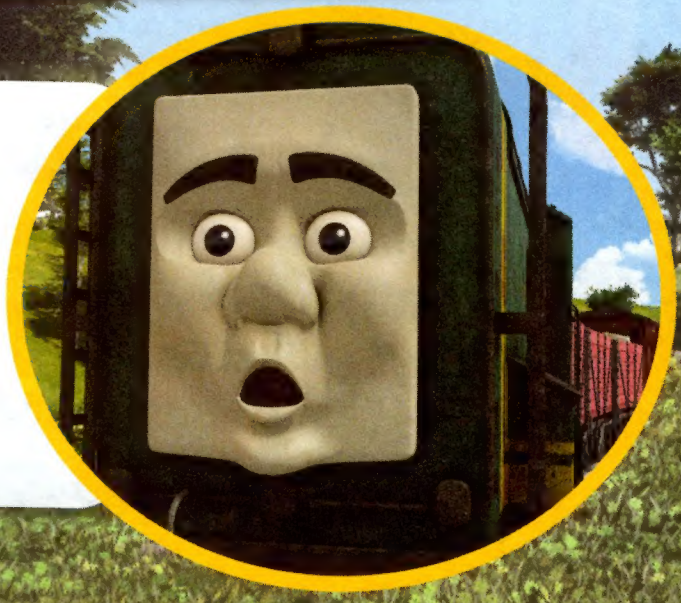
Gordon Runs Dry



1 Thomas and Gordon were talking. "Local trains are **Really Useful**," peeped Thomas. "Local trains are too **slow**," sniffed Gordon. "I am **strong** and my Express train is **fast!**" Gordon puffed off with the **Express.**

2 Later, Gordon and **Paxton** almost biffed each other. Paxton braked just in time. A **stone** went flying out of his truck and hit Gordon's **boiler.**

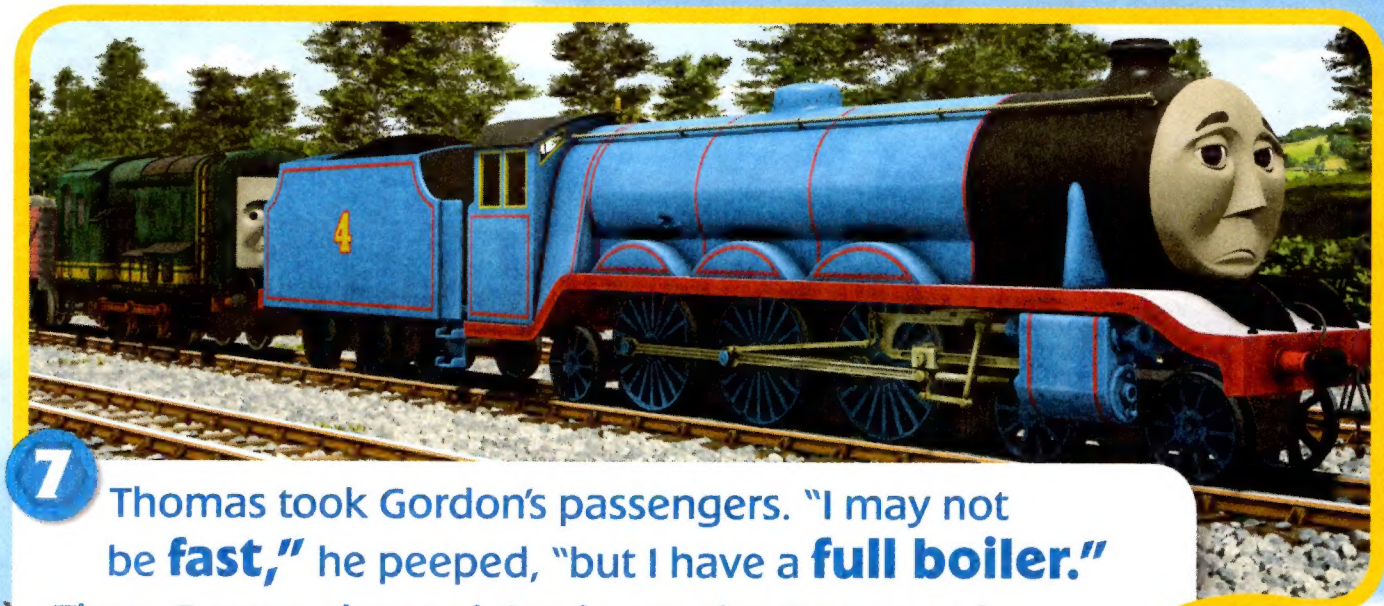
3 Paxton thought Gordon should be checked for damage. **"Nonsense,"** said Gordon. "The Express is fast and I must not be **late!"** Gordon puffed off.



4 Soon, Gordon's boiler began to run **dry.** "I can't stop to take on more water," he thought. "That would make me **slow."** Gordon carried on.

5 Gordon passed a **big lake** and thought, "Maybe I **should** take on more water soon!" He filled up at the next **water tower** but his boiler was soon running dry again.

6 Then, Gordon ran out of **steam** and came to a stop. Thomas was nearby. He told Gordon there was water on his track. "I must have a **leaky boiler** from the stone," he sighed. "Paxton said I should have been checked but I didn't want to be **slow.**"



7 Thomas took Gordon's passengers. "I may not be **fast,"** he peeped, "but I have a **full boiler."** Then, Paxton shunted Gordon to the Steamworks. "I may not be **fast,"** he said, "but I am **strong."** Gordon didn't feel like a very **fast** engine now!

8 Soon, Gordon was as **good as new.** The other engines couldn't resist a friendly joke. Gordon was not amused. But, he was much more **careful** about looking after his boiler... even if it meant being a little bit slower!

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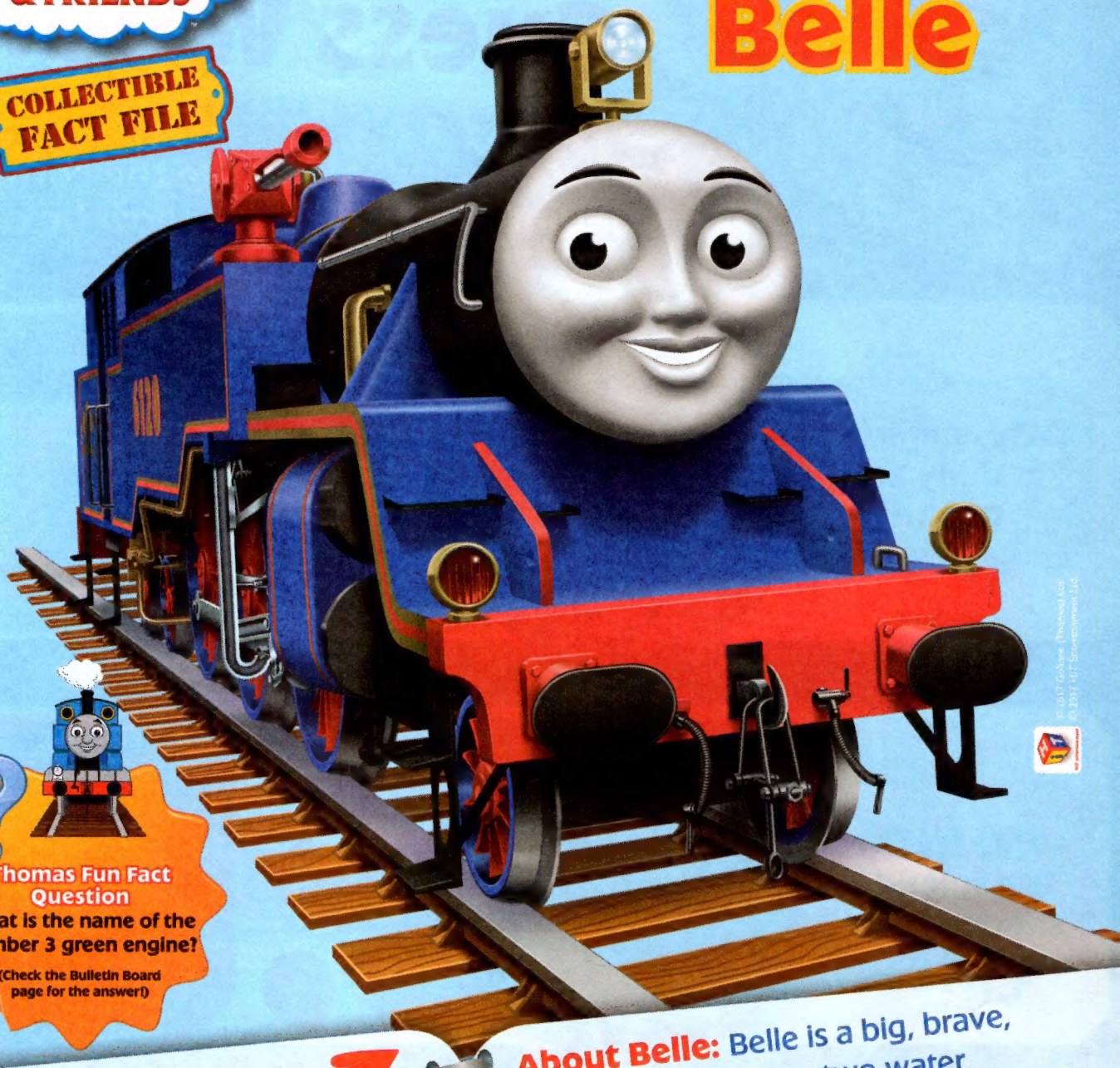
COLLECTIBLE FACT FILE

Belle



Thomas Fun Fact Question

What is the name of the number 3 green engine?

(Check the Bulletin Board page for the answer!)

FACT FILE

Name: Belle

Colors: Bright blue, with red buffer and stripes

Fun Fact: Belle has both a whistle and a bell.

About Belle: Belle is a big, brave, blue engine. She has two water cannons high on her boiler from which she can shoot water to fight fires. Belle wants to do her best and help Flynn fight fires in every way. In fact, when Flynn makes mistakes... it's Belle who is always there to help him out!

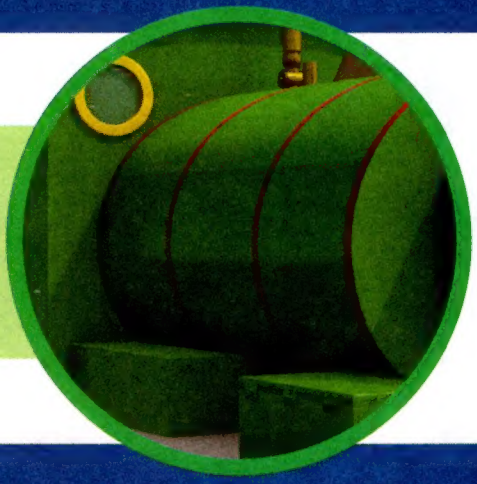
Belle is based on the BR Standard 2-6-4 Class 4MT engine of the British Railway.

Look for another collectible Fact File in your next issue!

Guess Who!

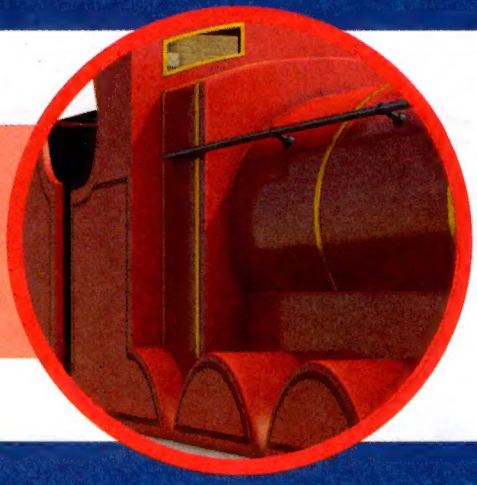
Follow the clues and circle the correct engine name in each yellow box.

This engine is shiny and **green.**



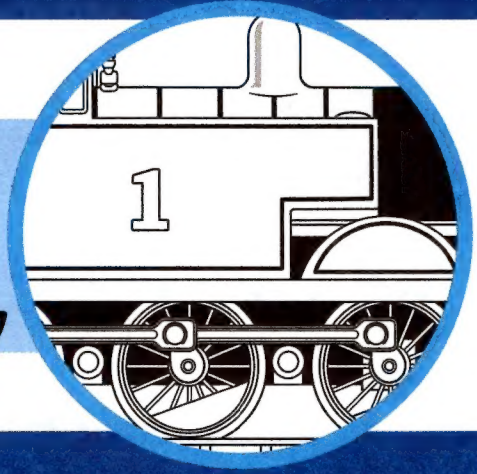
His engine number is...

This engine is a splendid shade of **red.**



His engine number is...

This engine is bright **blue.**



His engine number is...

Trace around the steam clouds to help Thomas go faster!

SOMETHING TO SHARE

Try making an 'All About Me' picture with your little one. Encourage your child to use his favorite colors, or stick on pictures of his favorite toys or engines. Have your child describe what he or she likes most about the picture.

He **loves** to deliver the mail.

Circle the pile with **more** packages.

It's...

Edward

or

Percy

He likes to be **clean** and **shiny**.

Scribble some water in the bucket to wash this engine.

It's...

James

or

Henry

His best friend is **Percy**.

He has 2 **shiny** whistles.

It's...

Gordon

or

Thomas

My Day

Snip and **stick** to make a chart and let everyone know about your day.

Make sure you've finished your magazine before you cut anything out!

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..... 's day

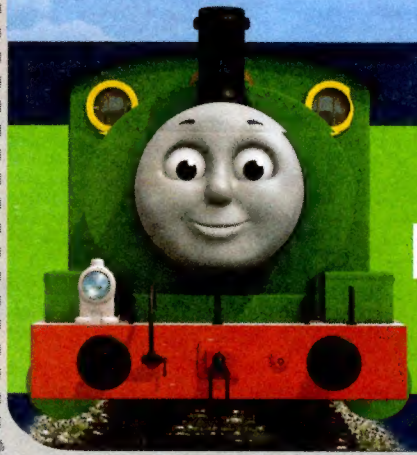
Write your name here.

Today is

Cut along the dashed lines.

The weather is

Cut along the dashed lines.



I am feeling

Cut along the dashed lines.

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1. Cut out these pages and stick the page with the chart (left) on to thin cardboard, such as an old cereal box.
2. Then **cut out** the strips on this page along the dashed lines.
3. Ask a grown-up to help **cut** along the dashed lines on the chart, making slots so you can push the strips through each one.
4. Carefully **push** each strip up through one slot from behind the chart and then back down through the other slot, as shown above.
5. Each day **slide** the strips across to show the day, weather, and how you feel!

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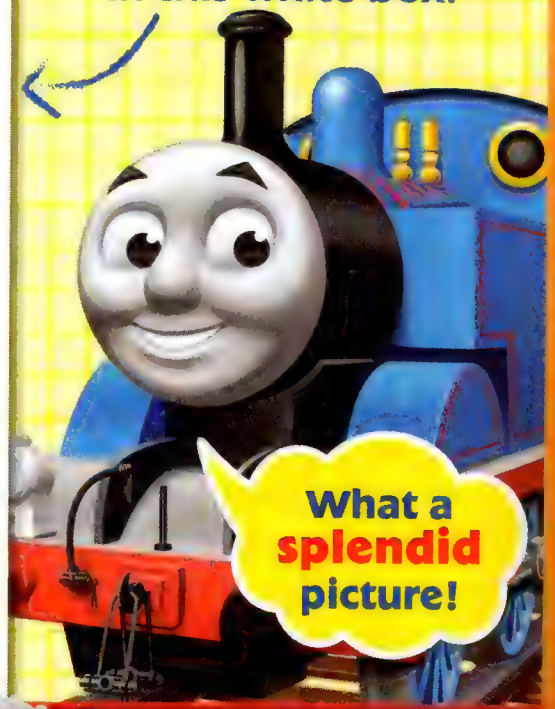
Picture Pals!

Thomas and Percy are best friends.
Friends work and play together.
Who is your best buddy?

Draw a circle around the picture that is different.

Draw a picture of you and your best friend in this white box.



Send us your picture and we might print it!

Email it to **thomas@redan.com** and include your name and address.

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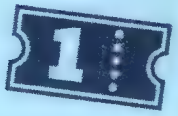
Let's go!

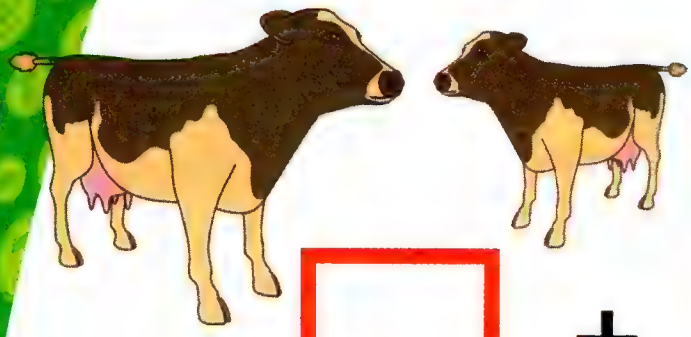
Look for this ticket on each activity spread of your workbook!

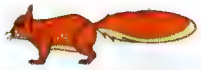


Thomas & Friends™ magazine and workbook will help your child improve the following skills for the school year and beyond!

READING ✪ MATH ✪ COGNITIVE ✪ CREATIVE ✪ SOCIAL

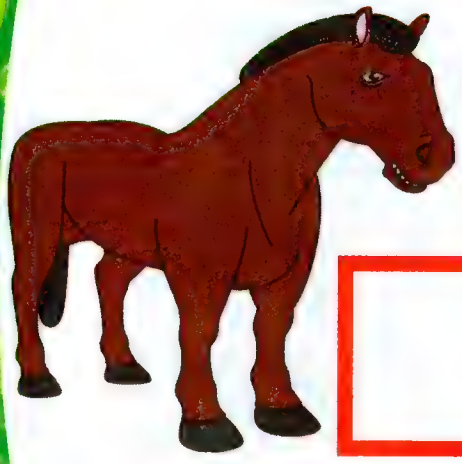
Add the animals below and write the numbers in the boxes. Circle the groups with the most.

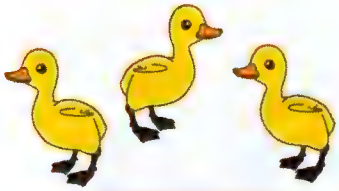




How many altogether?

□ + □ = □





How many altogether?

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Cross out 2 horseshoes. How many are left?

□

Fill in the missing numbers on this number line.

○ 2 ○ 4 ○

Look for and count the items in the picture below.

clowns	flags	engines	people
☐	☐	☐	☐

6 ○ 8 ○ 10

PARENT NOTE: Counting helps develop math skills and number recognition.

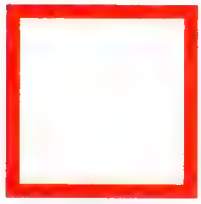
A B C D E F G H I J K L

Let's learn about the letter D d. Practice writing the letter D d on the line below.

D d

Trace over the letter Ds in the circles below.

How many letter Ds did you find in the circles?



dog

duckling

Dart

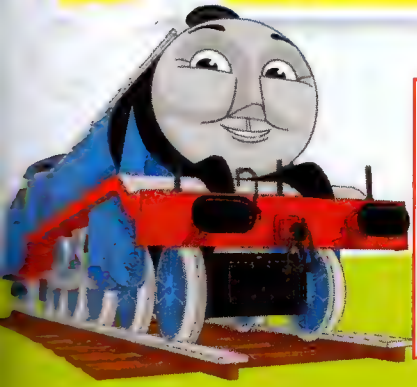
Trace over the names. The first letter of each name spells out a word. Do you know what it is?

(Hint: There's a picture of it somewhere on this activity spread!)

D a i s y

O w e n

G o r d o n



Write the first letters of each name here to spell the word.

_____ _____ _____

Pull-out Poster

Count with

Color
1
spiffy top hat for Sir Topham Hatt!

One plus one cheeky chum makes 2.

Count 5 puffs of steam.

Percy has 6 more letters to deliver.

Thomas!

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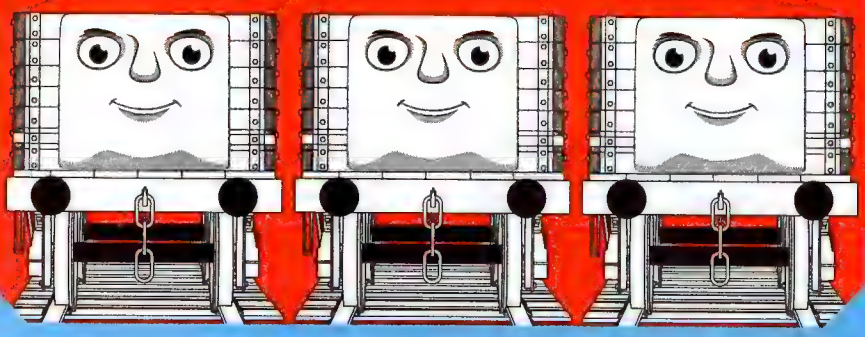
Color 3 Troublesome Trucks.



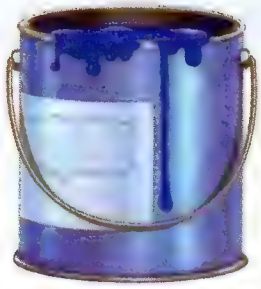
Count 4 cans of engine polish.

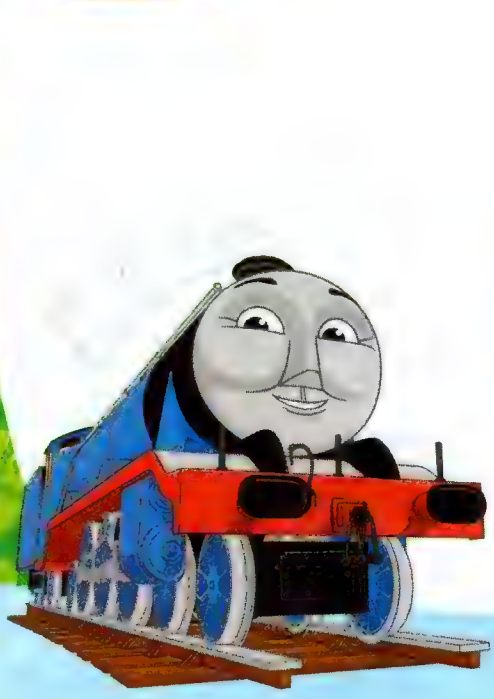
How many train tickets?

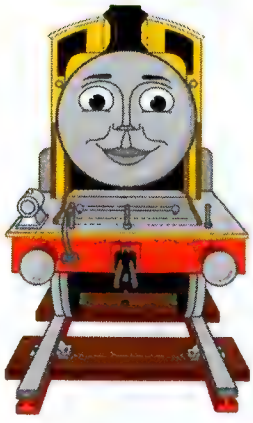
Color 3 more sun rays to make 9.

Say, "Peep!" when you count all whistles. 7

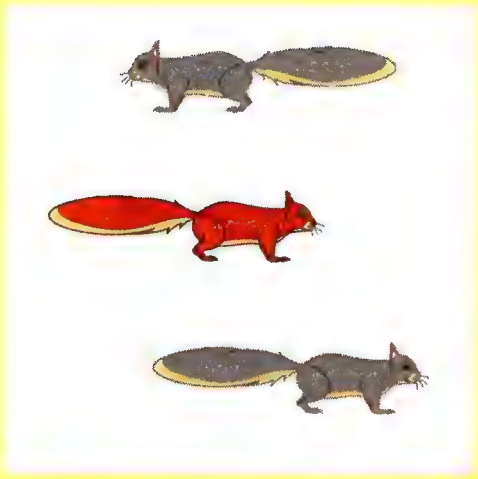
Draw a line to match the colored pencils on the left to the paint cans, and the engines that match that color. You'll need 4 crayons or colored pencils: red, green, blue, and yellow.

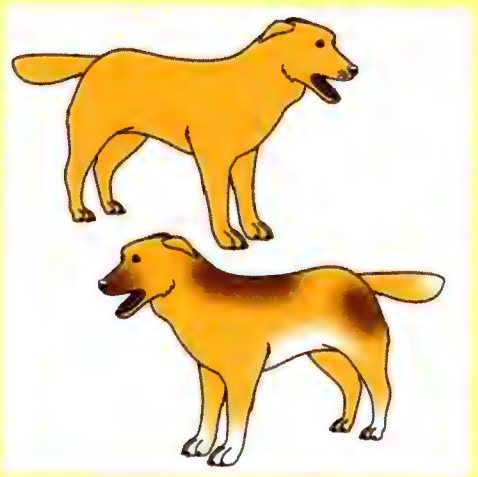


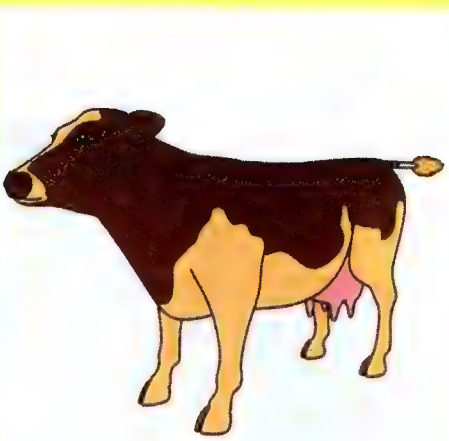


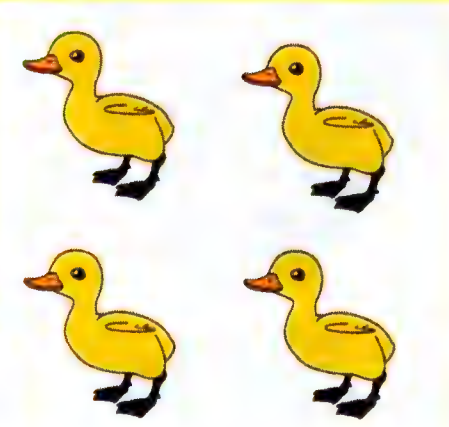


Match each group of animals to its number.









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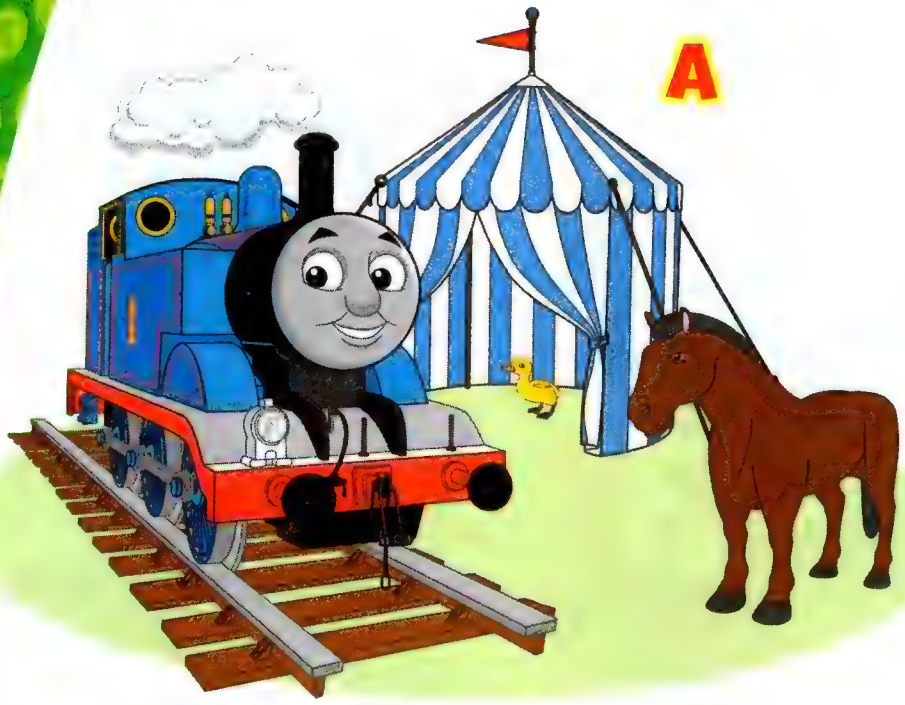
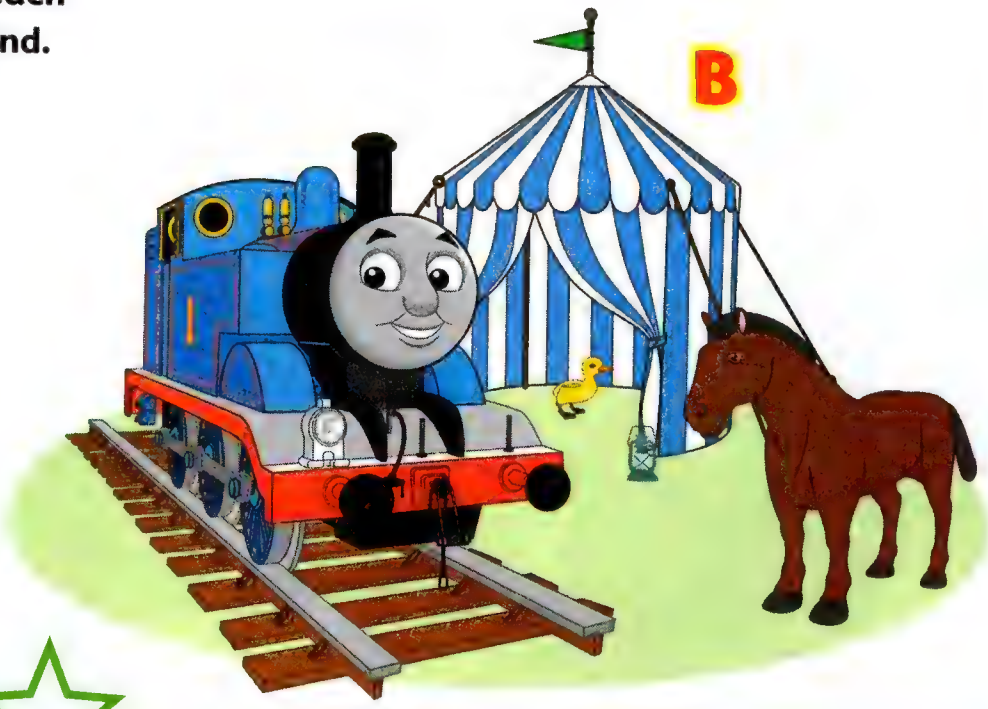
Now trace over these letters.

animals

Thomas is getting ready for a spring fair!
Find and circle 5 differences between
picture A and picture B.

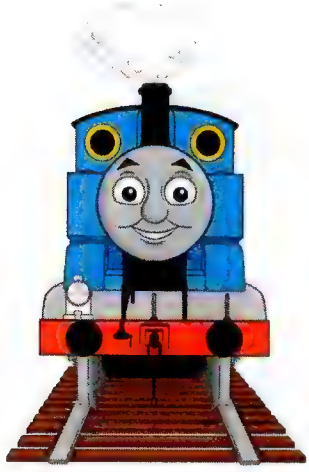


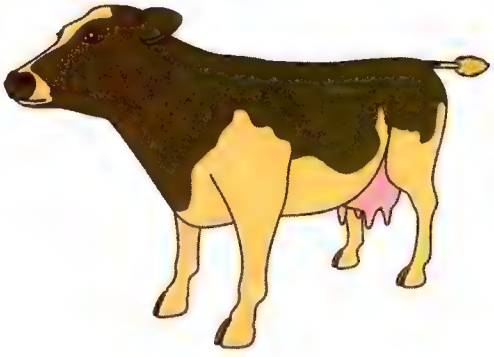
Color a star for each
difference you find.

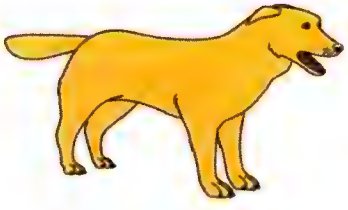


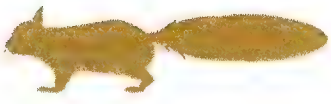
Answers: In picture B - 1. The duckling is facing the other way; 2. The flag is green; 3. Thomas' steam is gone; 4. The horse's tail is up; 5. There's a lantern by the tent.

When Thomas rides around Sodor, which animals does he see? Match each creature to its shadow by drawing a line.

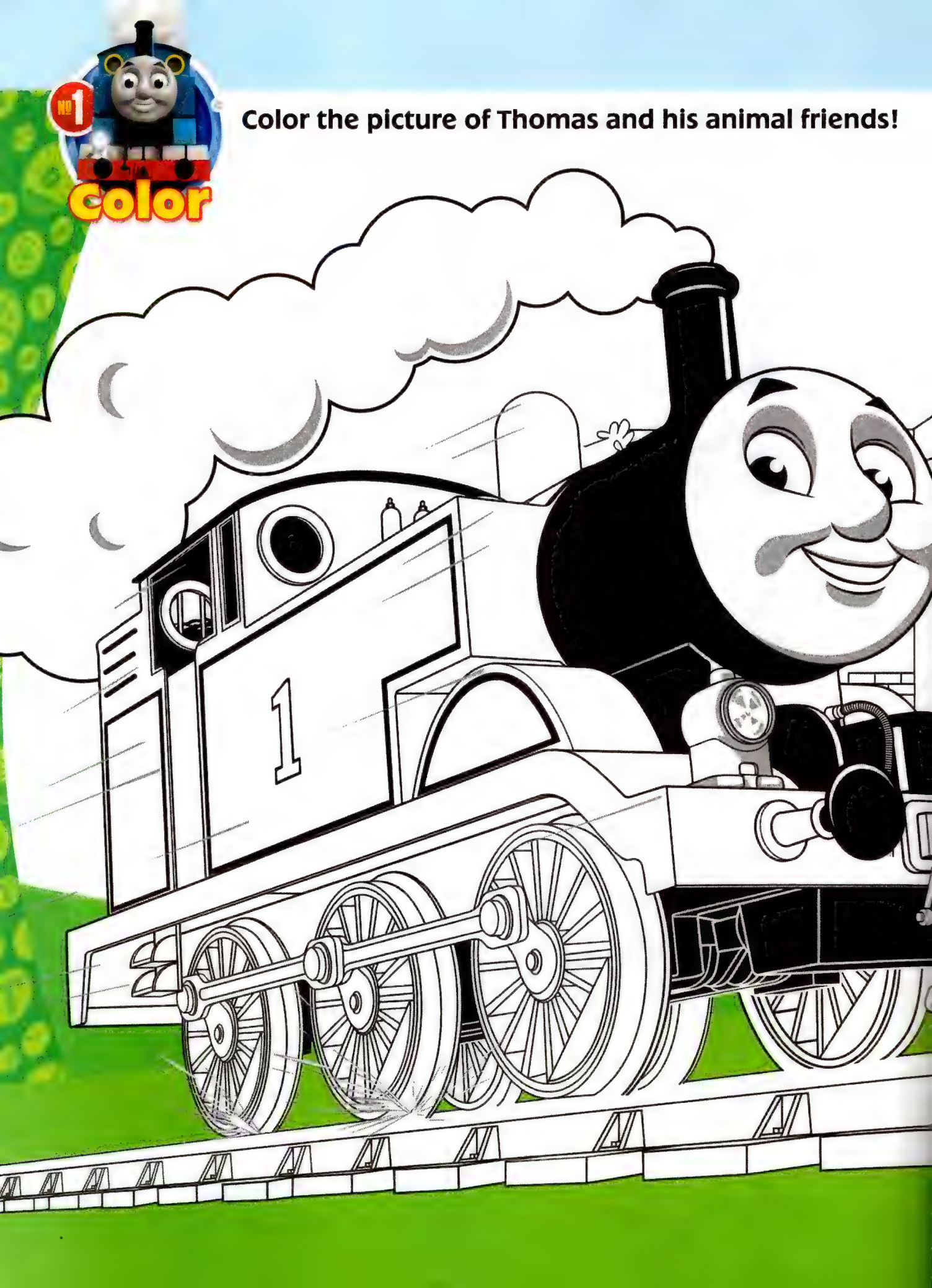








Circle the yellow duckling.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Color
Color the picture of Thomas and his animal friends!
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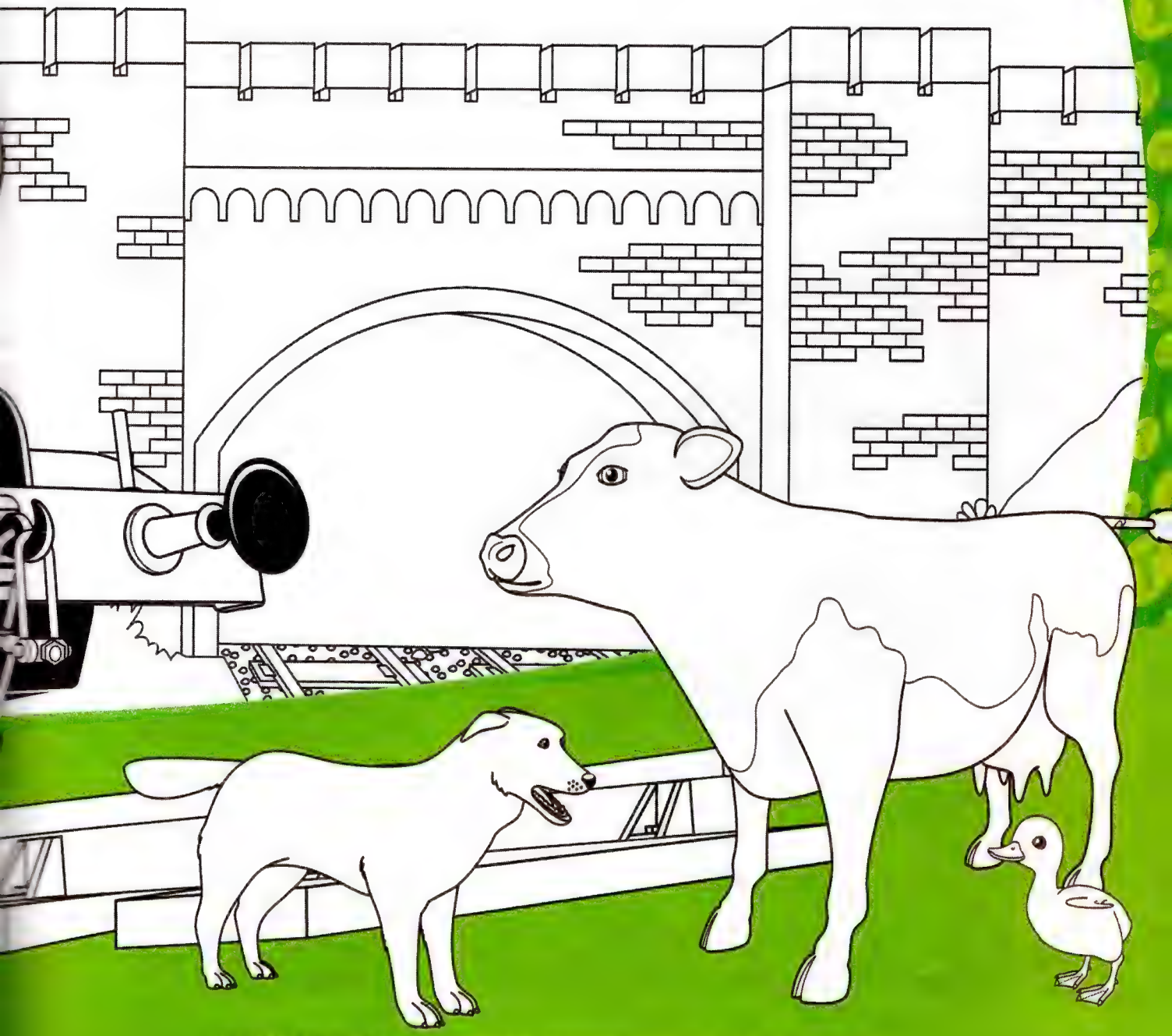

PARENT NOTE: Coloring strengthens dexterity, creativity and color recognition.

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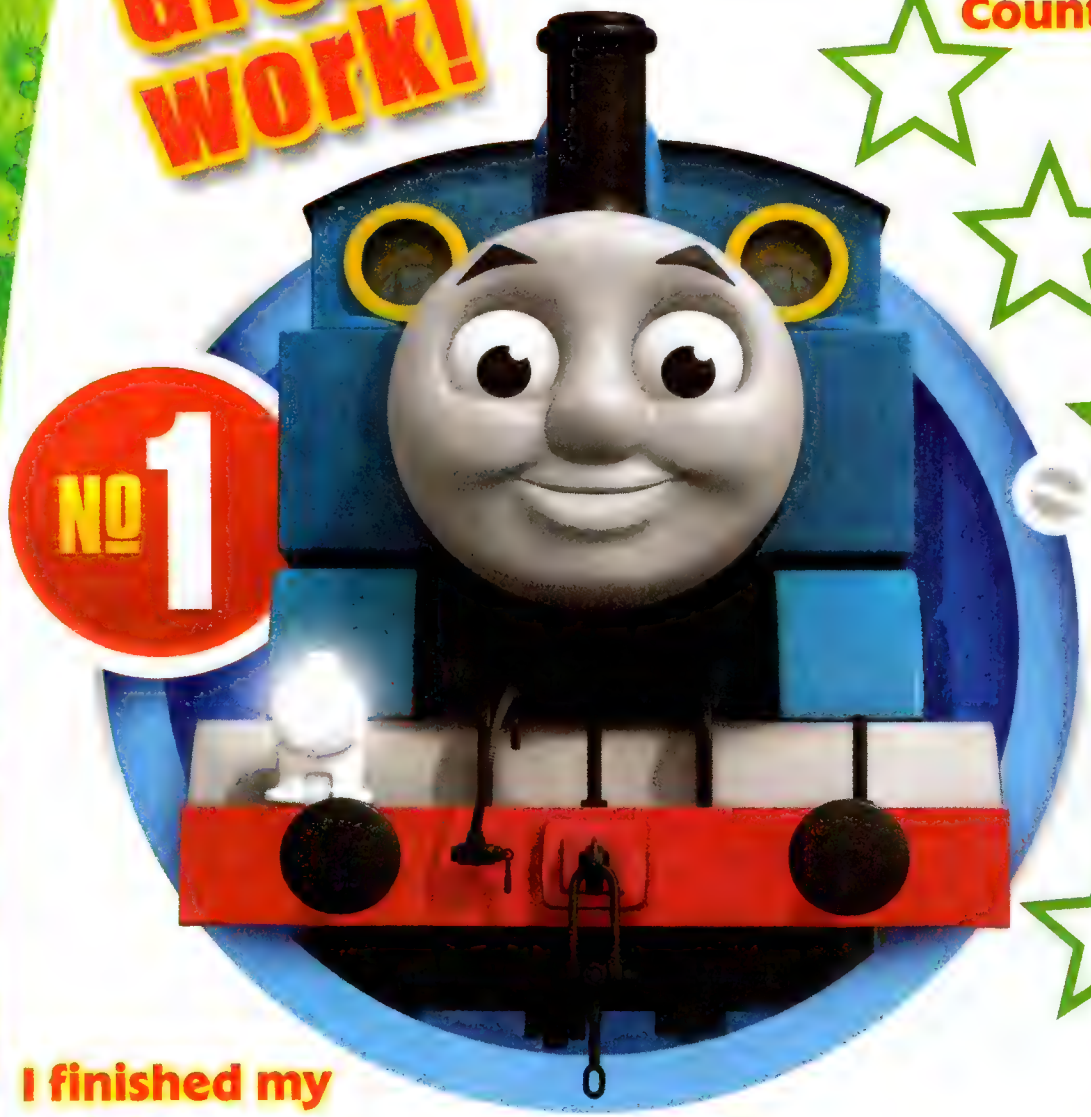
Outdoor Fun! Workbook

Color a star for each activity you have finished.

Great work!



Count

Write

Match

Look

Color

I finished my Workbook!

Check this box when you have found all the tickets!

Write your name on the dotted line when you have finished all the activities in your workbook.

THOMAS COLLECTIBLE PROJECT!

A Parent and Child Activity

COLLECTIBLE TRADING CARDS

When you are finished with your magazine, cut out this page and glue it to a piece of thin cardboard. Then cut out, keep, and collect these fun Thomas trading cards! Look for 4 more engines in the July/August issue.

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Edward

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Edward

Edward is the number 2 blue engine, and he is based on a 4-4-0 locomotive.

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Sidney

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Sidney

Sidney is based on a British Rail Class 08 Diesel-Electric Shunter.

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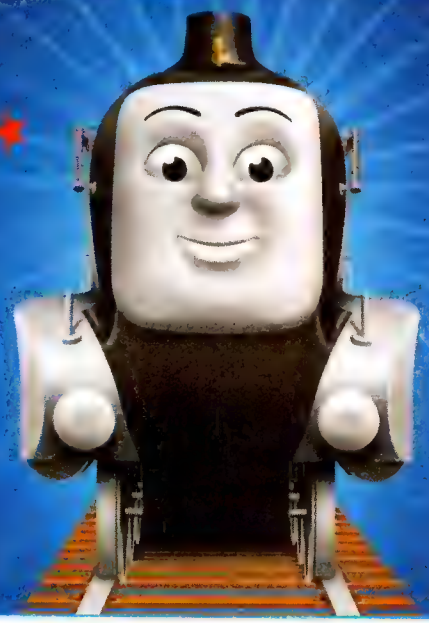

Spencer

Spencer is silver, sleek, and fast! He is based on an LNER Class A4.

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James

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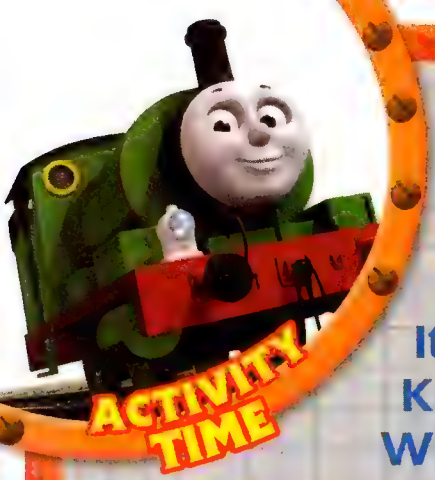
James

James the red number 5 engine. He is based on a Hughes Class 28 superheated 2-6-0 tender engine.



All Aboard!

It's a busy day at Knapford Station. What can you see?

Count the items below and write the numbers in the boxes.

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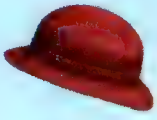
balloons

children

guards

pink hats 

Circle the engine that is not in the picture.

How many workmen in green shirts can you count?

2 or 3

Color the number.

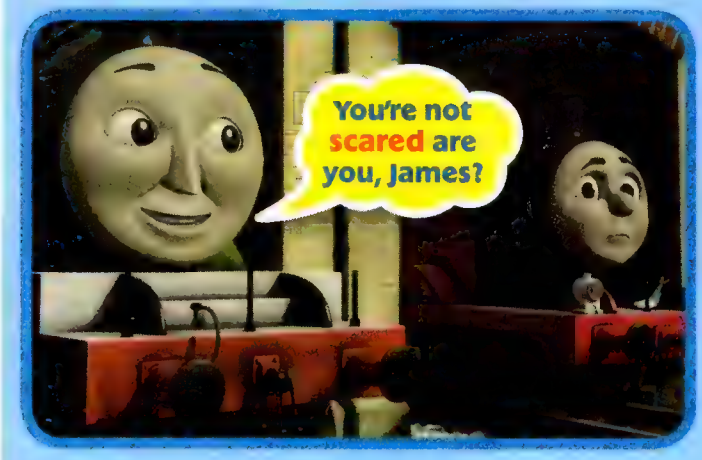
Have you been to a train station when it's busy?

Read a story all about James!

Stinky

One evening, James was telling **scary stories** in Tidmouth Sheds. Percy thought the stories were too **scary**. "Percy isn't as **brave** as I am," said James, proudly.

"If you're really not **afraid,** James," said Henry, "You can prove it tonight by pulling **The Flying Kipper** for me." James immediately said yes. The Flying Kipper collected the early morning delivery of **fish** from the Docks.



Later that night, James made his way to the Docks to collect The Flying Kipper. As he got closer, James noticed a funny **smell.** He spotted Porter shunting trucks. "What is that **strange** smell?" James asked him. "It's the **fish,** of course!" chuckled Porter. "Are you here to collect The Flying Kipper?"

"Oh, no...." said James, thinking quickly. "Er, **Henry** is supposed to pull The Flying Kipper. I should go and fetch him..." James **hurried** back to Tidmouth Sheds and woke up Henry.

Henry was very confused. "But you said you would pull The Flying Kipper!" he yawned. "I'm far too **splendid** for a smelly job like that," laughed James. "You must have **dreamt** it."

Henry raced off to collect The Flying Kipper as fast as he could, but every delivery of fish was **late.** Sir Topham

James

TRACKSIDE TALE TO SHARE

Hatt was not happy. Henry explained that he had dreamt that James would pull The Flying Kipper. **"I'm sorry,** Sir," sighed Henry, sadly.

"That wasn't a **dream!"** said Thomas. "I heard James tell you that." James had no choice but to tell Sir Topham Hatt the truth. "You have caused **confusion and delay!"** boomed Sir Topham Hatt. To make up for his broken promise, James would have to pull the Flying Kipper for Henry that night.

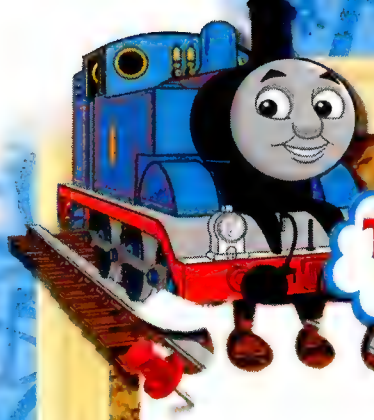
James chuffed slowly back to the Docks. "Ugh! **Stinky fish!"** he groaned. James didn't want the fish to touch his shiny paintwork, but as he tried to back away from the trucks filled with fish, he **crashed** into Cranky. The fish Cranky had been unloading flew **everywhere!** Now James was **covered** in fish."You're supposed to take the fish **in** the trucks, James!" laughed Porter.

The next morning, the other engines woke up to a **strange smell** in the Engine Sheds. **"What**

is that?" asked Emily. James looked down. There was still a **fish** sticking out of his **smoke box!**

"Your red paint looks **splendid** and **shiny** now," giggled Thomas. "It must be all of that fish oil!" laughed Percy. As James headed to the Washdown to get clean, he hoped he would never have to see another **fish** for a **very** long time!

Until next time!



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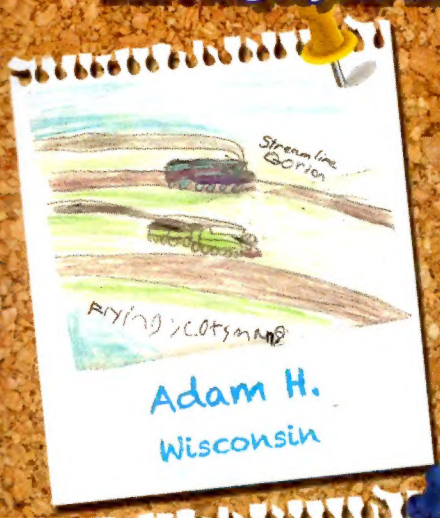

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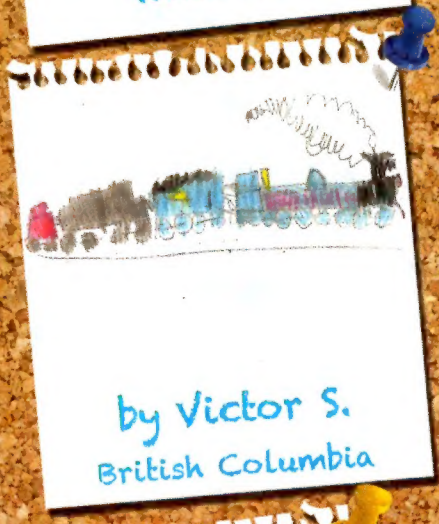

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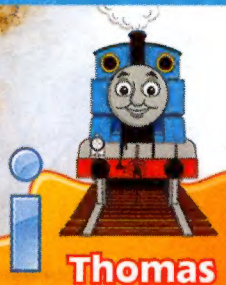

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